

Weekly Column for July 7, 2005

This coming weekend the City of Troy is playing host to yet another exciting event that I hope all our residents will take advantage of.

For the first time in history the 9th Annual Civil War Re-enactment will take place in Prospect Park. With its rolling hills and unique landscaping, Prospect Park will be the perfect host for the historical re-enactment, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, rain or shine.

Re-enacted by the Northeast Military District Alliance and the 77th New York State Volunteer Infantry, the two-day event is living history smack dab in the middle of Troy. It is a great example of an event that can be both fun and educational, particularly for kids who may not be aware of everything that occurred during the Civil War.

There is no charge for the event and the entire re-enactment is open to the public. Throughout the two days there will be examples of camp life on the Union and Confederate sides, period music, military exercises, and a skirmish. Troops will drill during the day, and a live cannon will be shot off during the fight. Even former President Abraham Lincoln will be on hand during both days.

For people planning on visiting the re-enactment, all of the participants will talk to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Obviously this is a great chance for us to showcase Prospect Park as well, which is an unknown jewel to so many people in our area. If you get a chance be sure to come out and see what the excitement is all about.

On a more solemn note, I would like send out our thoughts and prayers to the people of London, England, who were viciously attacked this morning during a commute to work by a terrorist group. We are thinking of our closest allies and will continue to do so during this dreadful time.

Have a nice weekend.

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